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Amendments to the Specification:

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Please amend the paragraph bridging pages ¹¹13 and ¹²14 as follows:

The number of fluorescence components in each of the multiple combinations of monoclonal antibodies comprises at least four different fluorochromes, each linked to a different monoclonal antibody, whose fluorescence emission is distinguishable from that of the other fluorochrome-conjugated monoclonal antibodies. Fluorescence labels that can be used in the practice of this invention include fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), phycoerythrin (PE), peridin chlorophyll protein (PerCP), allophycocyanin, ~~alexa-fluor 488~~ ALEXA FLUOR 488°, ~~alexa 647~~ ALEXA 647°, pacific blue, ~~alexa-fluor 405~~ ALEXA FLUOR 405°, cyanin 5 (Cy5), cyanin5.5 (Cy5.5) and conjugates thereof coupled to PE, to APC or to PerCP (e.g. PE/Cy5, PE/Cy5.5, PE/Cy7, APC/Cy7 and PerCP/Cy5.5). Each monoclonal antibody is capable of recognizing a different antigen, which is expressed in different quantities on the various populations of leukocytes and on the populations of neoplastic cells in a sample. The exact monoclonal antibodies which are common to all combinations of monoclonal antibodies used to stain a pair of normal/reactive and neoplastic